Eletrification of Villages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

4457. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, so far (i) fully electrified (ii) partially electrified (iii) nominally electrified (with only one or two households covered) and (iv) un-electrified; and

(b) by when all the villages in the respective States are expected to be fully electrified?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The number of un-electrified villages in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh as on 31.03.2004 are as under:—

State	No. of inhabited villages as per 1991 census	Total No. of villages electrified	Balance unelectrified villages
Bihar	38475	19251	19224
Uttar Pradesh	97122	57042	40080

(b) A new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and household Electrification has been launched for the attainment of the National Common Minimum Progamme of providing access to electricity to all Rural Households in five years. The scheme would be implemented through Rural Electification Corporation.

The scheme aims at completing electrification of all un-electrified villages and un-eletrified hamlets in next five years. It covers the entire country.

Shortage of Power in the country

4458. SHRI P.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that our country is reeling under power shortage;